



# SCHOOL NEWS #1

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 38 (Richmond)

## HAMILTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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### Dear Parents and Students:



We hope you enjoyed the wonderful sunny weather this summer! The staff at Hamilton extends a warm welcome to all of our students and families as we embark on the 2016/17 school year. We extend best wishes to all of our returning students and a special welcome to those of you who are new to the community, including 54 Kindergarten students. Students will move to their classrooms on Monday morning. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we completed this task.

We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Alfred Chan (our new Vice Principal). We are also very pleased to welcome the following new staff to Hamilton:

- Mr. Paul Self - Primary teacher
- Mrs. Sharon Baatz – Kindergarten teacher
- Mrs. Christine Wong - Intermediate teacher
- Ms. Heidi Goto - Resource teacher
- Ms. Jennifer Smith - Educational assistant

Please take some time to read the first newsletter of the school year as it contains a lot of important information about the upcoming school year.

All the new staff are excited to be part of the Hamilton community and we wish them the very best in their new roles. The returning staff members are all very dedicated and outstanding educators and have contributed greatly to the Hamilton community over the years. We are confident your child will have an excellent year!

Mark Hoath  
Principal

Alfred Chan  
Vice Principal

### SCHOOL HOURS OF INSTRUCTION FOR 2016/2017

School Doors Open	8:35 AM
School Begins	8:40 AM
Recess	10:10 - 10:25 AM
Lunch	12:05 - 12:50 PM
Dismissal	2:33 PM

### NEWSLETTERS & SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



At this time the school is unable to distribute the school newsletter electronically and students will receive a hard copy bi-weekly. Please note the school newsletter together with other communication will also be posted on the school website. Teachers will also send home classroom communication periodically throughout the school year.

### HAMILTON SCHOOL ON TWITTER @Hamiltonsd38



Parents and older students are encouraged to follow us on this account. Information about school events and activities will be posted.

### IMPORTANT DATES PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sep 15	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM
Sep 16	Terry Fox Run 1:15 PM
Sep 22	New Curriculum Overview Session for Parents & Meet the Teacher Night 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Sep 23	Professional Development Day (School Not In Session)

### School events and activities are also posted on the school website calendar

### EPI-PENS

For the health and safety of your child, if your child had an Epi-pen held in the school office last year or requires an Epi-pen, please bring the Epi-pen to the school office as soon as possible and ensure the Epi-pen does not expire during the school year. We also have a form in the office that needs to be completed “Request for Administration of Medication at School” and requires a pharmacy label.

## PAC NEWS



All Hamilton parents are members of the PAC and everyone is welcome to attend monthly meetings or PAC sponsored events. We are fortunate to have a very supportive and well organized PAC executive. The PAC co-chairpersons were elected in June. However, Karen Lutz and her family, one of the newly elected co-chairs, moved to Vancouver Island this summer and we are looking for another parent to be PAC co-chairperson for this school year.

If you have any further questions about the role or would be willing to volunteer, please email Nicole Iverson (iversonokano@shaw.ca) or Crystal Allen (sewcreative@gmail.com)

The Hamilton Parent Advisory Council (PAC) would like to take this opportunity to introduce its newly elected Executive and Volunteer members:

### 2016/17 PAC Executive

Chair – TBA  
Co-chair- TBA  
Fundraiser Coordinator - Jag Sangha  
Secretary – Nicole Voglmaier  
Treasurer – Linda Sabatini

Please feel free to approach any of the Executive Members with your questions, ideas or concerns. You can also send email inquiries to the PAC email: HamiltonElementaryPAC@gmail.com.

Generally, PAC Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month unless otherwise advised.

Please note the first PAC meeting of the year will be on **Thursday, September 15th at 6:30 PM** in the school library. Free child minding is available for school age children.

### 'MEET THE TEACHER' AND NEW CURRICULUM OVERVIEW SESSION



On September 22nd at 6:00 PM there will be a new curriculum overview for all parents in the school gym. Parents are asked to bring your school age children to their classroom(s) as students will be supervised by their classroom teachers at this time. This 20-minute session in the gym for parents will be an opportunity to learn more about the new curriculum framework and the new Ministry of Education reporting order (report cards).

Following this short session parents are asked to go directly to your child's classroom to meet your child's teacher. The classroom teachers will provide more information about classroom

programs and you will also receive a written curricular overview.

### HAMILTON EARLY WARNING NUMBER: 604 668-6516



We are asking for your support to maintain the health of all children by keeping your child home when they are ill. Their recovery will be speeded up when they have the opportunity to rest at home. The early warning number operates 24 hours a day. Please call and leave a message if your child will be absent.

### NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS FOR THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- Friday, September 23, 2016 - Full Day (not District Wide)
- Friday, October 21, 2016 - Full Day (Province Wide)
- Friday, November 18, 2016 - Curriculum Implementation Day (District Wide)
- Monday, December 5, 2016 - Full Day (District Wide)
- Friday, January 27, 2017 - Half Day (not District Wide)
- Friday, February 24, 2017 - Full Day (District Wide)
- Monday, May 1, 2017 - Full Day (District Wide)
- Thursday, June 29, 2017 - Half Day (not District Wide)

### IMPORTANT FORMS TO COMPLETE



On Wednesday, September 14th, you will receive a package of forms and information which includes the following: school supplies fees, verification of medical information, earthquake emergency contacts, the walking field trip permission form, request to support fine arts performances/experiences at the school, media release form and permission to receive electronic communications from the school district. Please read these carefully and return the required information to your child's classroom teacher by September 22nd.

### STUDENT AGENDAS



Again this year, students in Grades 1-7 will be given a Student Planner to use as a communication tool between home and school. Students use these books to record daily homework assignments, special reminders about upcoming school events and other information that needs to be shared between home and school. Students will be using these planners on a daily basis.

**TUESDAYS ARE HOT LUNCH DAYS  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 13TH**



The PAC will be organizing hot food days on Tuesdays, beginning next week. An order form was sent home this week, but parents are encouraged to order online from 'C'est Mon Café'.

You may order online at [www.cestmoncafe.com](http://www.cestmoncafe.com) or by contacting C'est Mon Café directly at 604-364-8210 or by email: [cestmoncafe@gmail.com](mailto:cestmoncafe@gmail.com). Students come to the foyer to pick up their orders and eat in their classrooms. This initiative helps the PAC achieve their fundraising goals.

**WHEN PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN**

When picking up your children, we are asking parents to wait in the foyer, or outside, until 2:30 pm. This is a very important time of the day. Teachers are making this request so that there are no interruptions as they review homework and other items. Thank you for your support!

**A 'TOONIE' FOR TERRY FOX**



On Friday, September 16th at 1:15 PM staff and students will participate in our annual Terry Fox Run. Students are encouraged to make a donation next week. The school hopes to raise \$500.00. Student leaders will be collecting each morning from classrooms.

**NOON HOUR SUPERVISION AT  
HAMILTON**

The school has a reverse lunch schedule which means students go outside at 12:05 and return to eat their lunches at 12:35 until they begin afternoon classes at 12:55. Students are encouraged to bring a recess snack. The school district employs three noon hour supervisors in addition to a number of educational assistants to ensure there is adequate supervision of students. Students will be outside unless it is raining really hard so as the weather cools students are encouraged to wear waterproof jackets.

**SCHOOL SPIRIT "HAMILTON HAWK"  
CLOTHING**

Looking to buy Hawk Wear? Now's the time! Sample clothing in various sizes are available at the office. Please come see what fits you best. Order forms will be distributed to students when the move is made to their 2016/17 classrooms. The completed orders (notice with size information, payment in cash or cheque) must be submitted to the office by Thursday, September 29th.



**WANTED!!**

The Richmond School District is looking for NOON HOUR SUPERVISORS to work either on-call or five (5) days a week in an Elementary or Secondary school. Duties include supervising students in school buildings and grounds during the lunch break plus assisting in the office or school library.

The shifts for this part time casual position are 1.5 hours per day on those days that the students are in attendance. Incumbents are expected to follow the same vacation schedule as the school. In addition to excellent communication and interpersonal skills, applicants must have experience supervising groups of elementary school-aged children and be willing to work with adolescents.

First Aid and other related training, such as conflict resolution or non-violent crisis intervention would be preferred. The rate of pay for this part time casual position is \$21.75 per hour, which includes 4% holiday pay.

Interested applicants should forward their resume with supporting documentation along with a cover letter to [www.makeafuture.ca](http://www.makeafuture.ca) quoting competition #NHS001-16.



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If you have submitted an application within the past six months, you need not reapply. We appreciate the interest of all applicants but only those being considered for interviews will be contacted.